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Inventor(s) or Application Identifier  
Hisaki MIYAMOTO, Kiyoshi INOUE, Hirokazu ITOU, and  
Toshikazu KOZONOTitle: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURE  
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- a. ☐ Small Entity  
Statement(s)
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 56]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 10]
- ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]
- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy) ☐ Unexecuted
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 20 completed)  
[Note Box 6 below]
- i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- ☒ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 5b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a  
copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is  
considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying  
application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
8. ☐ CD-Rom or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer  
Program (Appendix)

9. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ paper
- c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies
10. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
11. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
12. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
13. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
14. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
15. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
16. ☒ Figure of Drawing to be published 1
17. ☒ Foreign priority claimed
- a. ☒ Claim of Priority
- b. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
18. ☒ Assignee: MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. of Osaka, JAPAN
19. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

20. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

- ☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior Application No. 09/147,140, filed October 16, 1998.  
Prior application information: Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

21. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:This application is a    continuation-in-part,    continuation,    divisional, of Application No.    /   , filed   .Address all future correspondence to **Customer No. 7055** at the present address of:GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.  
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